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Quality of life important in QDR

courtesy of CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jay L. Johnson told an audience in Annapolis, Md., April 23, that Sailors remain his number one priority as he makes decisions regarding the future of the Navy during the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR).

In his address to the U.S. Naval Institute's annual seminar, ADM Johnson also discussed where the Navy is headed in the 21st century. He then

took time to answer questions from members of the audience, including one about how the upcoming QDR might affect the quality of life.

"Our attitude - the Navy's attitude - as we step to QDR

is to use the review as a great opportunity for self-assessment," said ADM Johnson. "I think we'll probably reshape the Navy a little bit. I'm not prepared to detail that today, but embedded in every single decision we make relative to QDR, or relative to any business in our Navy, is to ensure

that the impact those decisions have on our people will be embedded right in the middle of the decision. We're serious about quality of life."

ADM Johnson emphasized the importance of quality of life

in maintaining the all-volunteer force.

"I like to remind people, these are volunteers. They are here because they want to be, not because they have to be, so we have to take care of them. We are serious about it."

"Concern for our Sailors and their families will be embedded in every decision we make . . . We're serious about quality of life." - CNO

CNO discusses future Navy

WASHINGTON (NNS) — ADM Jay L. Johnson, Chief of Naval Operations, focused on his vision of the Navy of the future in an April 23 speech to the U.S. Naval Institute in Annapolis, Md.

"Twenty-two years ago, the Chief of Naval Operations ADM James L. Holloway, delivered an address to the Brigade of Midshipmen, in which he described the Navy of tomorrow. That Navy is our Navy today. ADM Holloway emphasized that he was building a Navy that he would not see while he was CNO. It is a credit to his vision and determination that the Navy he described to those midshipmen is largely our present-day Navy.

"Everyone knows that predictions can be risky. That being said, I think I am on pretty solid ground when I lay out what I believe will be the kind of Navy we will have two decades from now.

"The United States Navy of the 21st

century will be increasingly focused on projecting power landward. But there is nothing new about this. From ancient times when Persian and Greek galleys clashed, to the 16th century Ottoman Empire sailing against the Italian City States, to ironclads providing critical support to Union armies at Shiloh and Vicksburg, navies have been solidly linked to maneuvering armies and their land campaigns. What is new is the concept of offensive distributed firepower, using complementary air, sub-surface and surface platforms bound together with the landward force component in a network centric architecture. Our Navy of tomorrow will provide the force commander with a staggering range of options and a considerable deterrent force."

In his remarks, ADM Johnson described the changes in the wings for aviation, submarines, surface warfare, information superiority and Sailors.

"The same advances in technology that I have been talking about today in weapons systems and sensors will have been familiar to our new recruits through the increasing commercial and educational applications of these technologies. Every office has one or two folks who have yet to learn how to operate a personal computer; but those numbers are dwindling and will be extinct in the 21st century. Mastery of personal computing will be a universal, everyday requirement of life at sea.

"The same technologies which will help us to share battle information enabling split-second decision making will be incorporated into significant quality of life upgrades for all of our ships at sea. E-mail and affordable voice and video transfer, capabilities which exist today but are not widely distributed in the fleet, will help to make the world a much smaller place for our Sailors and

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Test Pilot School start date released

by JO3 Brenda Granberry, BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The Bureau of Naval Personnel recently announced a convening date of July 22 for the selection board to choose pilots and naval flight officers for the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS).

The Board may select a minimum of 13 applicants for direct entry into the January 1998 class. An additional five applicants will be selected for the Naval Post Graduate Test Pilot School cooperative program and will attend

five quarters at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., before attending Test Pilot School.

All applications should be submitted in accordance with BUPERSINST 1500.62 and forwarded to BUPERS (PERS 446B) by May 23.

Eligibility requirements, guidelines and additional information are available in the NAVADMIN and BUPERSINST 1500.62, or contact BUPERS (PERS 446B) at (703)614-4869 (DSN 224).

Voting slogan contest underway

WASHINGTON (NWSA)— The 1997 Voting Slogan Contest is underway. June 30 is the deadline for submissions.

The winning slogan will be featured in Federal Voting Assistance Program informational and promotional materials, including motivational posters, the 1998-99 Voting Assistance Guide and various news releases.

The winner, second through fifth place and honorable mention will receive a certificate of recognition from the Secretary of Defense. The military service with the highest participation rate will also receive a certificate from the Secretary of Defense.

Entries are judged on originality and motivational value by a panel of inde-

pendent judges. Anyone may enter and may submit as many slogans as desired as long as each is submitted on a separate 8 1/2 x 11 inch sheet of paper.

Include your full name (military include rate/rank and service) and full mailing address (FPO/APO), including your commercial telephone and fax number, with country and city codes with each entry.

Send your slogans by mail to: Federal Voting Assistance Program, Room 1B457 ATTN: Voting Slogan Contest, The Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20301-1155; by fax to (703)693-5507 or email to <vote@fvap.gov>. Further assistance is available at 1-800-438-8683, DSN 225-0663.

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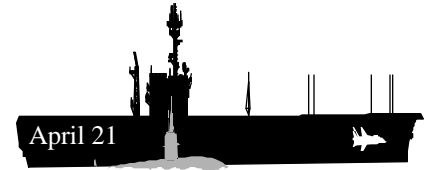
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Status of the Navy



Personnel: 398,615 active duty; 233,821 Ready Reserves; 96,946 SELRES; 136,875 IRR; 211,118 civilians

Aircraft: 4,754

Ships: 350

Underway: 169 ships (48%)

Deployed: 111 ships (32%)

Personnel Deployed: 57,515

Exercises: 6

Port Visits: 15

SSNs at Sea: 35 (48%)

Carriers/Air Wings at Sea:

USS *Constellation*/CVW-: transit, Coral Sea

USS *Theodore Roosevelt*/CVW-3: eagle Arena, Mediterranean Sea

USS *Independence*: transit, Indian Ocean

USS *Nimitz*: COMPTUEX 97-2, eastern Pacific

LHAs/LHDs/LPHs at Sea:

USS *Boxer*: port visit, Hong Kong

USS *Nassau*/26th MEU: Guardian Retrieval, Gulf of Guinea

USS *New Orleans*: transit, Mid Pacific

USS *Inchon*: Blue Harrier 97, North Sea

Ships Assigned to Middle East Force:

USS *Nicholson*, USS *Halyburton*, USS *Paul Hamilton*, USS *Leftwich*, USS *Fletcher*, USS *Ardent*, USS *Dextrous*

Other Exercises/Operations:

Operation Southern Watch,

Operation Silver Wake

Counter-Drug Operations

Maritime Interception Operations

CNP Visits the Fleet

by LT Pamela Kunze, BUPERS Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The Chief of Naval Personnel (CNP), VADM Daniel Oliver, recently visited with Sailors and officers from Naval Station (NS) Mayport and Naval Submarine Base (NSB) Kings Bay.

As part of his continuing efforts to meet with fleet personnel, VADM Oliver held all hands calls April 23 at the NSB Kings Bay chapel and at NS Mayport.

The CNP said he realizes the best way to ensure new initiatives and policies designed to help Sailors are work-

ing is to visit the fleet and ask for feedback.

"In Washington, we pursue policies we think are in everyone's best interest.



I want to obtain your feedback and ensure these policies have the intended effect on the individual Sailor," said VADM Oliver.

In addition to getting Fleet feedback, VADM Oliver talked about his priorities as the CNP, homebasing, PCS funding, changes to the FITREP and eval system and other quality of life issues affecting personnel Navy-wide.

Following his visit with NS Mayport and NSB Kings Bay personnel, the CNP is traveling to meet with Sailors and officers from NAS Cecil Field and NAS Jacksonville-area commands.

Pacific Fleet Sailors of the Year named

by JO1(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom, Pacific Fleet Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NWSA)—Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet named Electrician Technician 1st Class (SS/AW) Bryan Robertson and Dental Technician 1st Class (SW/AW) Anthony Cal as the top Sea and Shore Sailors.

ADM Archie Clemens made the Sailors of Year announcement April 14 during a luncheon honoring six finalists at Naval Base Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Robertson is a quartermaster/electrician aboard USS *Houston* (SSN 713), Point Loma Naval Submarine Base, San Diego. Cal, a native of Belize City, Belize, is assigned to the Dental Prosthetics Department, San Diego Naval Dental Center.

"Most people say, 'the sky is the limit' (but) I believe that the sky is not the limit," said Cal. "When you get to the sky all you do is go a little higher and work a little harder."

"This is just the beginning for me," said Robertson, who is from St. Louis. "I quote my father who said to me when I was a young man and drawn to the Navy, 'The moment you become satisfied with yourself, the moment you stop trying to go to the next level, then you start to deteriorate.'"

This summer Cal will face four other shore winners in the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Shore Sailor of the Year competition in Washington, D.C. Robertson will be meritoriously advanced to Chief Petty Officer and travel to Washington, D.C., for a recognition ceremony hosted by the CNO and the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

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will contribute immensely to alleviating some of the stresses associated with long deployments. Interactive videos and classroom video-teleconferencing will provide undergraduate and graduate level educational opportunities for our Sailors which can only be dreamed of today.

"If we continue to steer by the stars, and not by our wake, this Navy will remain on course and ahead of PIM in the years to come. By focusing on our four guiding stars of operational primacy, leadership, teamwork and pride, the world's greatest Navy will continue to become better and even more relevant."

Regulus submarine crews get Deterrent Patrol Pin

by Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Public Affairs

NORFOLK (NWSA) — VADM Richard W. Mies, Commander, Submarine Force U.S. Atlantic Fleet, has notified the Bureau of Naval Personnel that crew members who conducted Regulus missile deterrent patrols are hereby authorized to wear the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia in accordance with article 1420130 of the MILPERSMAN and in the fashion prescribed by the Naval Uniform Regulations.

When USS *Grayback* (SSG 574) slipped its moors and headed into

the Pacific Ocean in September 1959, it began an era of submarine history that would go unrecognized for almost 40 years.

The accomplishments of Sailors assigned to the Navy's handful of Regulus guided missile submarines are long and storied. The five Regulus submarines, *Grayback*, USS *Tunny* (SSG 282), USS *Barbero* (SSG 317), USS *Growler* (SSG 577) and USS *Halibut* (SSGN 687) deployed on 41 deterrent patrols under the Earth's oceans over the course of five years.

Recognition of the patrols that ended when *Halibut* returned in July 1964, is finally being made.

Moosbrugger, Cushing 1996 Arleigh Burke winners

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The Chief of Naval Operations announced April 17 the 1996 Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy has been awarded to USS *Moosbrugger* (DD 980) in the Atlantic Fleet and USS *Cushing* (DD 985) in the Pacific.

"This prestigious award provides tangible recognition of the greatest improvement in battle efficiency by a ship or

squadron during the calendar year," said ADM Johnson. "I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Sailors of Moosbrugger and Cushing for their superb performances. The sustained professionalism and persistent dedicated efforts which led to this award have set a benchmark of performance to which all should aspire."

Naval Academy announces "Professor of Leadership"

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (NWSA) — Superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy ADM Charles R. Larson announced April 16 the selection of retired ADM Leon A. "Bud" Edney to fill a new position as a Distinguished Professor of

Leadership for the Academy.

"ADM Edney's wealth of experience as a leader, including an impressive record as a combat pilot, will be a tremendous asset to the Naval Academy

and our midshipmen," said Larson.

Edney will focus his efforts in the Division of Professional Development and will also affect ongoing efforts in Bancroft Hall (the midshipman dormitory) to instruct and encourage practical applications of leadership development within the Brigade of Midshipman and the entire staff and faculty.

Edney will serve as a special advisor on leadership to the superintendent, teach core leadership and ethics courses and promote moral development and leadership education.

Another element of this position will be Edney's accessibility to the midshipmen for advice, counsel and instruction and his availability to faculty members for mentorship.

The new position was made possible by a gift from Dr. John McMullen, a 1940 Naval Academy graduate and naval architect. McMullen is responsible for numerous innovations in ship design and construction.

Household Goods gives beepers to Sailors

courtesy of Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Public Affairs

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. (NWSA) — Sailors relocating to the Fleet and Industrial Supply Center (FISC) San Diego will take part in an innovative test program beginning in June that hopes to improve the process of coordinating the delivery of household goods shipments.

The Personal Property Office at FISC will issue beepers to newly arrived Sailors who have established residences so they can be notified that their household goods shipment is in town and ready for delivery.

The Personal Property Office has just two hours from the time an inbound shipment reaches San Diego to arrange

for delivery directly to a residence. Where arrangements can't be made that quickly, the shipment goes into storage where another delivery date could be up to two weeks later.

Testers hope the beepers will let Sailors maintain a normal schedule and reduce the time they have to take away from their jobs. Additionally, fewer deliveries sent to storage means Sailors get their shipments faster, with less damage while saving money for the Navy.

NAVSUP plans to test the beeper program at FISC San Diego through the summer, the prime moving period. If it's successful, the program will be the model for Navy Personal Property Offices throughout the United States.

Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month

by LT Pamela Kunze, BUPERS PAO

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — The month of May is the 18th annual observance of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. This year's theme is "Asian/Pacific Americans United: One Vision — One Mission — One Voice."

Throughout history, Asian/Pacific Americans have served with distinction in the U.S. Armed Forces. During the second world war, the 100th Infantry Battalion and 442nd Regi-

mental Combat teams earned more than 18,000 medals — placing them among the most decorated units for their size in U.S. History.

In fact, the Nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor, has been awarded to nine Asian/Pacific Americans. One such recipient was Navy Fireman 1st Class Telesforo Tinidad.

VADM Dan Oliver, the Chief of Naval Personnel, said, "I encourage

all commands to conduct programs, create exhibits, publish items of interest in command bulletins and solicit individual participation in appropriate observances of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month."

For additional information, contact the Federal Asian/Pacific American Council (FAPAC) points of contact, Harry Takai or Sharon Wong, at commercial (202)267-6024 or (202)358-1694.

CNO dedicates airfield to McDonald

courtesy of CNO Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jay L. Johnson spoke at the dedication ceremony of the ADM David L. McDonald airfield at Naval Auxiliary Air Station Mayport, Fla., April 21.

ADM McDonald is a former Chief of Naval Operations who resides in the area.

"He's the perfect choice for this recognition," ADM Johnson said. "He embodies all the finest qualities of a naval officer and a naval aviator. Operational excellence and unparalleled leadership, that's the bottom line in our business. He did it as well as anyone has ever done it. He's the ultimate team player, and he's a man of great pride."

The airfield has been in use since World War II, just without, as ADM Johnson said, "a proper name." The un-

named field was commissioned as a Naval Auxiliary Air Station in 1944 and decommissioned and placed in a caretaker status in 1946. The field was later re-commissioned to serve as a Naval Outlying Landing Field and a Naval Auxiliary Landing Field. In 1955 it was changed back to a Naval Auxiliary Air Station, the designation by which it is known today.

"This anonymous airfield is about to be changed," said ADM Johnson. "It's vitally important to the U.S. Navy today, it will stay vitally important to the U.S. Navy tomorrow, and as far out as my eyes can see. To name it in the honor of ADM David L. McDonald is about as close to perfect as we can get. It conveys the deep gratitude of the people of this area and of the whole country."

Military Spouse Appreciation Day

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jay L. Johnson sends the following message to the fleet:

"This year May 9 has been designated as Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Please join me in expressing appreciation to our Navy spouses for the significant role they play in assuring the well-being of our communities, our service members and our families.

"Our spouses provide invaluable perspective and help us successfully balance our lives between work and home, and they unselfishly share their love and support with us and

those we care about most. Finally, they remind us of the importance of reaching out to others in times of peace and war, crisis, transition, separation and deployment.

"It is especially important that we acknowledge our spouses' efforts and thank them for their continuous courage, strength, patience, love and support.

"I encourage all commanders and commanding officers to recognize Navy spouses through appropriate ceremonies, exhibits and proclamations which convey our appreciation and gratitude."

NAS Whidbey Island wins White House award

WASHINGTON (NWSA) — NAS Whidbey Island's closed loop recycling program has earned the command a 1997 White House Closing the Circle award from the Federal Environmental Executive Office.

Closed loop recycling is reusing discarded materials. For example, plastics collected through the program were sold to a company that remanufactures them into plastic car stops which the base

purchased back to replace aging concrete stops. Park equipment made completely of recycled plastic and a special rubber turf made from recycled tires now provides a safe playing surface.

Whidbey Island's recycling program grew from recycling four percent of its waste stream in 1990 to 55 percent in 1996. During the seven year period 38 million pounds of recyclable materials were diverted from the waste stream.

The refuse cost avoidance savings totaled more than \$2.6 million while generating more than \$827,000 in recycle sales ... a total value to the Navy of almost \$3.5 million.

Representatives of the Navy Whidbey Recycle office will receive the award during ceremonies scheduled for May 5 at the Old Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Notable Quotable

"Whatever decisions are made...our number one priority is taking care of Navy people. We are absolutely wedded to that and that's not going to change. QDR won't change any of that."

— Chief of Naval Operations ADM Jay Johnson answering a reporters question in Mayport, Fla., April 21 on the Quadrennial Defense Review and its possible effect on Navy people.

THIS WEEK IN NAVY HISTORY

April 24, 1862 — Flag Officer David G. Farragut led his squadron past Forts St. Phillip and Jackson up the Mississippi River to a commanding position above New Orleans, which surrendered the next day.

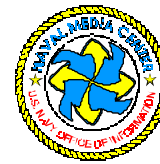
Guantanamo Naval Base removing land mines

Guantanamo Bay Naval Base (NNS) - In compliance with a presidential order issued May 16, 1995, the U.S. Naval Base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, is removing the United States military's oldest active minefield. The order required, with the exception of Korea, all minefields be eliminated by the year 2000.

Under the direction of U.S. Marine Barracks Ground Defense Security Force minefield maintenance Marines and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal detachment assigned to Guantanamo Bay, the mines are being steadily removed. The base commander, CAPT Jim Cannon, said the minefield removal

is well on track and he expects to be in full compliance with the president's dateline.

"Removal of the minefields along Guantanamo Bay's 17-mile perimeter fenceline is an extremely dangerous mission and equally as dangerous topic of discussion," Cannon said. "There are numerous operational and security considerations to make, so let me call attention not to this issue, but to the people doing the work. Our Marines and EOD technicians are superb. They are highly trained, extremely talented and hard working. In Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that's a given requirement."



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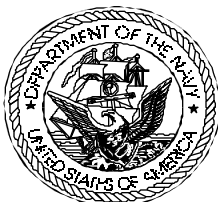
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